GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:246
ANSWERED ON:19.02.2003
NATIONAL ILLNESS FUND
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National illness fund has been sanctioned for Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and date on which the last instalment was released;

(c) whether any representation has been received in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): Under the Scheme of National Illness Assistance Fund, Central Government provides grants-in-aid to States/Union Territories (with Legislature) that set up State Ilness Funds, to the extent of 50% of contributions made by State Governments/Union Territories subject to a maximum of Rs. 5 crore to States with larger number and percentage of population below poverty line, and Rs.2 crore in case of other States. Government of Bihar set up Bihar State Illness Assistance Society on 31.3.2000,with an initial amount of Rs.2.50 crores. The Central Government`s contribution of Rs.1.25 cores towards the State Illness Society was released in July, 2000. Thereafter, no request has been received from the Government of Bihar for further release of grant-in-aid.